

IOWA VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**May 8, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

The Governor's Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee met at 1000 East Grand Iowa Workforce Development.

Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Les Holland, Acting Chair

Eve Palmer

Terry Slinde

Gary Benshoof

Mary Krier

Dennis Bennett

Committee Members Absent:

Dan Prymek

Others in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting included:

Karen Connell, Dept. of Human Services, Iowa Juvenile Home (Via conference call)

Randy Bengard, Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Human Services, Clarinda Treatment Complex (Via conference call)

Wes Shaffer, Dept. of Corrections/Human Services Mt. Pleasant Treatment Complex (Via conference call)

Kip Knutzon, Dept. of Human Services, State Training School (Via conference call)

Max Cupp, Dept. of Human Services, Glenwood (Via conference call)

Mickel Edwards, Dept. of Corrections

Karalyn Kuhns, Dept. Of Human Services

Dan Lane, Dept. of Natural Resources

Dean Ibsen, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Nick Smith, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Ray Walton, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Mollie Anderson, Dept. of Administrative Services, Core

Pat Mullenbach, Dept. of Administrative Services, Core

Paul Carlson, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Dave Neil, Iowa Workforce Development

Kris Macy, Iowa Workforce Development

Kris Houston, Iowa Public Television

Kyle Knee, Iowa Public Television

Bruce Snethen, Dept. of the Blind

Mike Hicklin, Dept. of the Blind

Jim Borwey, Iowa Workforce Development

Tim Ryburn, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Bonita Lane, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Ken Thornton, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Stan Freeborn, Iowa Veteran Affairs

Jerome Thompson, Dept. of Cultural Affairs (Via Conference Call)

Steve Kuzynowski, Dept. of Commerce

Nicole Gehl, Dept. of Commerce

Mark Johnson, Dept. of Administrative Services, Core

Captain Mark Probst, Dept. of Public Safety

Larry Smith, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Michael Schmidt, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise
Kevin Jimmerson, Dept. of Human Services, Independence Mental Health Institute
Steve Hasenour, Dept. of Human Services, Independence Mental Health Institute

Call to Order

Les Holland convened the meeting at 10:04am

Dave Neil from Iowa Workforce Development welcomed the Vertical Infrastructure Committee.

He mentioned that the building had some major difficulties, primarily the asbestos. However, there are also security issues that need to be addressed. A lot of social security numbers and unemployment claims are stored in the building

He also said that on May 30th they would be doing a dedication of the Workers Monument. The Sculpture is done and in California.

Questions and Comments from Committee Members

Les and Dennis Bennett talked about VIAC funding. Les mentioned that prison in Fort Madison and that it was an aged structure that had been renovated and remodeled numerous times. He said there are 34 million dollars in backlogged needs and that the agencies should try and remain positive. He also said that the committee would continue to push the legislature.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Eve Palmer moved to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2008 meeting. Gary Benshoof seconded. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Considerations (Pat Lantz)

Dean said to refer to Pat Lantz on these questions. She was absent from the meeting.

Elevator Upgrade Discussion (Jim Borwey, Staff)

Jim Borwey gave a history of the code described at the following site:

http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/elevator_forms.htm

“Elevators, escalators and related equipment are governed by Iowa Code Chapter 89A as amended by House File 369. State law requires that elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, and related equipment comply with all applicable rules and statutes. No new installation or alteration work may begin in Iowa until the installer obtains the proper permit from the Iowa Division of Labor. Applications for installation or alteration permits should be submitted eight weeks before work is scheduled to begin. The permit is to be posted on the job site at the time the work begins. The equipment cannot be used until it passes inspection by a state inspector. Accessibility requirements for elevators are enforced by the Department of Public Safety and local jurisdictions.”

Jim discussed this code requirement and answered questions. Dean asked what happens if an institution does not implement the needed changes by 2011. Jim said that they would then start monitoring and writing fines for those institutions.

Jim suggested that DAS work in a consolidated effort with other agency's and put out a master agreement so that they can get the best price and best specifications to fix the elevators statewide.

Human Services (Karalyn Kuhns)

Karalyn Kuhns started by mentioning that Director Concannon of DHS understands the work of the committee having worked at several institutions in his career. The project requests that are being

submitted are just a small piece of DHS. The facilities make up about 5.2% of the DHS budget. In 2007 these facilities served 3547 individuals. The operating budget for these facilities is \$222,881,434.00.

Karalyn then gave a description of the top projects. The total amount of projects DHS submitted was 83 and the total dollar amount was 53 million.

Mary Krier asked whether or not the tunnels at several DHS locations had been given consideration in the requests?

Terry Slinde wanted to know the some of the categories meant, he said some were confusing.

Les Holland pointed out that there was a need of 53 million dollars in projects, which he was assuming was just bare bones of what DHS really needs. The total 2009 Major Maintenance allocation is 15 million which does not even cover half of this one agency's needs.

Cultural Affairs (Jerome Thompson)

Jerome Thompson conference called in and described the two requests DCA was submitting for 2009.

Dennis Bennett asked if these two projects could receive historic preservation funding. Jerome said that DCA gives out this funding and they can't give it out to their own projects.

Iowa Workforce Development (Larry Smith)

Larry Smith presented the 1 project that IWD was submitting for 2009. The project is a 169k tuck pointing project that would help make the building look newer and protect its outside layers for 7-10 years.

Mary Krier asked why the building had so many problems, and Larry said that it was just normal wear and tear.

A committee member asked if there was any federal funding for IWD. Larry said there was not.

Education – Iowa Public Television (Kris Houston)

Kris Houston presented 1 project that IPTV was requesting. The project is a carpet replacement. Dean said that the committee would have to review the Major Maintenance definitions to make sure that carpet replacement would be covered. Kris said she had already reviewed the definitions and was certain they did cover carpet replacement under these circumstances.

Terrace Hill (Brian Browning)

Brian was absent from the meeting. Terrace Hill submitted 1 project request.

Commerce (Steve Kuzynowski)

Steve Kuzynowski presented 1 project that ABD was requesting. The project is a parking lot that needs to be replaced. The amount is for 397k. Steve mentioned that there were ADA issues with the parking lot.

Terry Slinde asked how ABD would deal with this parking lot if the committee didn't fund it. Steve said that they would figure something out.

Public Safety (Captain Mark Probst)

Captain Mark Probst from the Iowa State Patrol presented 2 projects that ISP was requesting. He described the two projects and gave several funding options for project 2 which is for Post #15.

He also mentioned that they were probably going to pursue litigation against the Osceola contractors that did not do a good job on the project there.

Dean asked if they could sell Post 15 and move. Captain Probst that this was an option at first, but is no longer and option.

ILEA (Penny Westfall)

Penny Westfall was absent from the meeting. ILEA submitted 4 project requests with no dollar amounts.

Vocational Rehabilitation

There was no one present from Voc Rehab, nor did they submit any requests.

Legislative Update (Mark Johnson)

Mark was not present at this time but Director Mollie Anderson spoke. She said that people have voices and unfortunately buildings do not. DAS will continue to provide information to the legislature so that major maintenance will be funded higher. The story needs to be told. She said that infrastructure in Iowa received one of the worst grades by the PEW report. She mentioned that Senator McCoy was chairman of the Infrastructure Committee and that Mollie suggested that the VIAC meet with him at some point.

Dean gave a summary of funding and referenced Senate File 2432 and file 2437.

Mark Johnson joined the meeting. He said that the major maintenance money had been reduced from 40 million to 15 million. He said that this budget sometimes does not have the constituency to defend it that other budgets have. He said that we will have to wait to see what happens next year.

Mark mentioned that we lost 8 million from the new North Office Building and that the building was delayed at least a year now.

Terry Slinde wanted to know how much money would be lost due to the delay.

Mark said that he was not entirely sure but estimates are currently being made but right now we know that inflation is at about 5% a year.

Les Holland asked about tacking on maintenance requirements in bills so that when new buildings are built they have appropriate for the maintenance of these buildings. Mollie and Mark talked about how the maintenance dollars could be incorporated into the fees for square footage and that this had been brought up as an idea.

Les then asked about a reversion fund, and Mollie said it's not easy to do this. Nick and Dean will work on checking into how other states do this. The reversion fund is an appropriation that is not able to be touched for other budgets.

Department of Administrative Services (Tim Ryburn)

Tim gave a presentation on 11 projects which equaled about 3.78 million dollars. One of the projects was to do an elevator upgrade; this request will be taken out because Vertical Infrastructure hopes to do a statewide upgrade.

Department of Corrections (Mickel Edwards)

Mickel went through the top 10 projects which totaled about 6.4 million dollars. Corrections submitted 65 project requests total. He said some of the projects that had been started would be put on hold until the funding is definitely there to finish them.

Department of the Blind (Bruce Snethen/Mike Hicklin)

Bruce Snethen and Mike Hicklin presented a request for \$870,000 that would replace some of the air handlers at their building. They said that the Department of the Blind had in fact submitted requests for major maintenance money in the past 10 years. They said they had also submitted some capitol requests as well. They also mentioned that they had informed the Department of Management of their request to the Vertical Infrastructure Committee. IDOM said that if VIAC does not fulfill the request then they should submit their request as a capitol request.

SIFIC (Dan Lane)

Dan Lane said that as of today the Board of Directors dissolved the corporation. He said that this would not change everything though and that SIFIC still exists. He said that from now on there would be 28E agreements between SIFIC and the DNR, all financing will be going through the Treasurer's office. He said that SIFIC will no longer hold contracts and that the agencies will be doing contracts directly with the vendors. He said the main point is that SIFIC is still in business but improvements must be cost effective and it will still help with financing.

ADA/ Monuments/Vertical Infrastructure Program (Dean Ibsen)

Dean Ibsen said that Tim Ryburn's request for the elevator upgrades on Capitol Complex would roll into the Vertical Infrastructure's 2 million dollar request. Dean said that he and Paul need to take a look at the project management fees that come out of major maintenance.

Dean said that there was no money allocated to monuments this year but Tim Ryburn had made a request for \$240,000 to be applied for the Soldiers and Sailors monument.

Dean also said that the project managers in A/E need to take a look at the requests from the agencies and to help Vertical Infrastructure with the process.

The VIAC meets again on May 22nd to discuss these requests and prioritize them. The recommendations will be sent out before the meeting as well as the consent calendar.

Staff Reports (Paul Carlson)

Paul Carlson gave an update on the current 189 A/E projects that currently total 148 million dollars. He went through the current in process and completed project sheets.

Other Business

Dean said that Nick will put together a report on where the committee has been and where it hasn't been for the June meeting. Nick also needs to put together a list of the Infrastructure, Transportation Committee and see which Senators and Representatives have districts where VI institutions are.

Questions and Comments: there were no questions or comments

Upcoming meetings: Next meeting will be held at Iowa Workforce Development at 1000 East Grand.

Adjourn

Mary Krier moved to adjourn the meeting. Eve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Prepared by Nick Smith and Dean Ibsen

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